

CHRISTIAN FICTION
TEXAS TALKING BOOK PROGRAM

A Woman's Place

Austin, Lynn N.

After the Japanese attack Pearl Harbor, four diverse women take shipyard jobs in Michigan to help the war effort. They all struggle with personal problems: Virginia tires of pampering her ungrateful husband; middle-aged Helen loses her faith; Rosa lives with her new in-laws; and Jean yearns for college. 2006.

DB 67644

Against the Tide

Camden, Elizabeth

Boston, 1891. Lydia Pallas works as a translator for the Navy Yard. When Lieutenant Alexander Banebridge requires Lydia's skills for a case, she becomes his assistant. As Lydia is drawn deeper into Bane's mission to end the opium trade, a relationship develops between them. RITA Award, Christy Award. 2012.

DB 77493

Paradise Valley

Cramer, W. Dale

1920s. When Amish fathers are jailed for not sending their children to public school, Caleb Bender moves his large family from their Ohio community to Mexico. But Caleb's teenage daughters Rachel and Emma resent leaving their beaus behind and post-revolution bandits threaten the new settlers. 2011.

DB 74303

Grace

Evans, Richard Paul

1960s. Ninth-grader Eric is still adjusting to his family's move from California to Utah when he discovers his classmate Grace scrounging for food in a restaurant dumpster. Eric and his brother, Joel, hide Grace in their backyard clubhouse. But neither the boys nor Grace can keep their secrets forever. 2008.

DB 68794

Dogwood

Fabry, Chris

Will Hatfield returns to Dogwood, West Virginia, after twelve years in prison to find that the townspeople still hate him and his former sweetheart Karin is already taken. Over time Will and Karin uncover the secrets of the past and find true love and forgiveness. Christy Award. 2008.

DB 71808

The Outsider

Gabhart, Ann H.

Kentucky, 1812. Gabrielle Hope finds joy in teaching in the close-knit Shaker village of Harmony Hill, the celibate, spiritual community where she and her mother sought refuge following a family tragedy. But Gabrielle questions her chaste way of life when she falls in love with Dr. Brice Scott—an outsider. 2008.

DB 67933

Shady Grove

Giles, Janice Holt

The people of the Appalachian community of Broke Neck, Kentucky, are strict "Bible Christians," opposed to all denominations and to the proposition that a man should be paid for preaching. So when the new pastor meddles with a way of life he does not understand, trouble brews. 1967.

DB 70344

A Bride Most Begrudging

Gist, Deeanne

1643. Lady Constance Morrow is kidnapped, taken aboard a vessel sailing to the Virginia colony, and forced into a marriage of convenience with tobacco farmer Drew O'Connor. Educated and religious, Constance slowly learns the skills of a colonial housewife and falls in love with her husband and his family. Christy Award. 2005.

DB 62837

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Fifteen Minutes

Kingsbury, Karen

In an effort to save his family's Kentucky horse farm, aspiring Christian singer Zack Dylan enters the television contest Fifteen Minutes. But fame, fortune, and another contestant's charms threaten to lure Zack away from his beliefs and girlfriend Reese. 2013.

DB 78131

The Maid of Fairbourne Hall

Klassen, Julie

1815. To escape an arranged marriage to a dishonorable man, Margaret Macy flees her pampered life in London and poses as a servant in the home of a former suitor. She must stay unwed to gain her rightful inheritance, but love may influence her destiny. Christy Award. 2011.

DB 76582

The Fiddler

Lewis, Beverly

When her car gets a flat tire, classical violin prodigy Amelia is rescued by Michael, a young Amish man. Amelia, who secretly fiddles in a country band, stays at Hickory Hollow, Pennsylvania, for a few days before returning to the English world. But she misses the simple life. 2012.

DB 74860

The Inn at Rose Harbor

Macomber, Debbie

Army widow Jo Marie Rose buys a bed-and-breakfast in Cedar Cove, Washington, and makes it her own with help from handyman Mark. Her first guests include Josh, returned to reconcile with his dying stepfather, and Abby, in town for her brother's wedding. 2012.

DB 75370

Christy

Marshall, Catherine

Based on the life of the author's mother, this is the tale of nineteen-year-old Christy Huddleston's first year teaching in an Appalachian mountain cove. With the help of Alice Henderson, the Quaker who founded the Cutter Gap mission school, Christy finds her point of reference in God. She makes friends among the hardscrabble Cutter Gap "clan," sees some of them succumb to typhoid fever, and inspires love in two admirable men. 1967.

DB 39327

DX 39327

The Honorable Imposter

Morris, Gilbert

Gilbert Winslow has studied ministry in the Church of England, but his heart is not in it. He accepts Lord North's challenge to locate fugitive William Brewster and his band of Puritans in Holland. Winslow succeeds but, through a series of mishaps, finds himself on the Mayflower. It is at Plymouth that Winslow discovers his religious calling and his love. Prequel to *The Captive Bride* (DB 39679). 1986.

DB 39673

DX 39673

When Calls the Heart

Oke, Janette

A lovely eastern schoolteacher from a well-to-do family heads for the Canadian frontier convinced that she will never fall for any of the rough and rowdy adventurers of the West. But she forgets her conviction after meeting Wynn Delaney, a handsome Royal Canadian Mountie. 1983.

DX 22382

Heavens to Betsy

Pattillo, Beth

Beautiful and single, the Reverend Betsy Blessing of Nashville tends to her flock while contemplating leaving the ministry. Betsy discovers she feels more than friendship for her former divinity school classmate David, but she refuses to marry a fellow minister—even if he is perfect for her. Rita Award. 2005.

DX 63801

A Promise to Believe In

Peterson, Tracie

Montana Territory, 1879. Sisters Beth, Gwen, and Lacy Gallatin run their late father's roadhouse, which is located next to Rafe Reynolds's saloon. Gwen, the eldest, thinks she's cursed after losing both her parents and her husband. Then Hank Bishop appears, claiming to be Gwen's brother-in-law, and love heals her wounds. 2008.

DB 69635

A Lineage of Grace: Five Stories of Unlikely Women who Changed Eternity

Rivers, Francine

Five previously published novellas about women from Christian history. Unveiled features Tamar, Unashamed has Rahab, Unshaken relates Ruth's story, Unspoken depicts Bathsheba, and Unafraid portrays Mary, the mother of Jesus. Illustrates age-old problems and the women's solutions based on biblical stories. 2009.

DB 73235

Sommerfeld Trilogy

Sawyer, Kim Vogel

In Bygones, Marie Quinn returns to Sommerfeld, Kansas, after twenty years, unsure of the reception she will get from her Mennonite family who rejected her. In Beginnings, Marie's daughter Beth has two suitors from different backgrounds. In Blessings, Trina wants to become a veterinarian despite her faith's opposition. 2007.
DB 76654

Bamboo & Lace

Wick, Lori

Lily Walsh has grown up under the guidance of her missionary father in a remote village in a small Asian country. When her brother Jeff, who lives in Hawaii, invites her to visit, their father reluctantly agrees. In Hawaii Lily meets her brother's friend, Gabe, and soon finds herself torn between two very different worlds. 2001.
DX 53748

Talk of the Town

Wingate, Lisa

Mandalay Florentino, associate producer of TV's hit reality show American Megastar, travels to small-town Daily, Texas, to plan a surprise reunion concert for hometown, trouble-prone finalist Amber Anderson. Manda juggles her job and personal issues, the swarming paparazzi, and an attraction to a gorgeous country boy with a secret. 2008.
DB 69058

The House that Love Built

Wiseman, Beth

Smithville, Texas. Widowed hardware-store owner Brooke Holloway welcomes newcomer Owen Saunders to town. A bitter divorce left Owen distrustful of love, but wholesome Brooke and her two kids appeal to him. Meanwhile, Owen's uncle and a local teen move into the old mansion Owen is restoring. 2013.
DB 77944